



Date: January 28, 2013

Subject: PUBLIC NOTICE - Draft Amendment to the Total Maximum Daily Load Study for Chlorides in the North Tributary to Canobie Lake in Windham, NH, Available for Public Comment

PUBLIC COMMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED UNTIL 4 PM ON FEBRUARY 28, 2013

Dear Interested Party or Stakeholder:

A Draft Amendment for the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Study for chlorides in the North Tributary to Canobie Lake in Windham, NH is now available for public review and comment. The report is available from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (DES) website at <http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/wmb/tmdl/categories/publications.htm> (scroll down this page to the section for "North Tributary to Canobie Lake").

The North Tributary to Canobie Lake is currently listed as impaired by DES because of high chloride concentrations that violate State surface water quality standards. In 2008, DES prepared a TMDL for chloride for the watershed of the North Tributary to Canobie Lake. Up until 2005, a municipal well in the watershed had operated a water softener and injected the waste salt brine back into the groundwater. This brine discharge influenced some of the calculations in the original TMDL report. The goal of this amendment to the TMDL is to recalculate the alternative expression of the TMDL with updated information on the remaining effects on the brine discharge after five years.

TMDLs are comprehensive water quality reports that are required for certain impaired waters in accordance with the federal Clean Water Act. The purpose of the TMDL is to determine the maximum pollutant load which a surface water can handle and still meet water quality standards and, to allocate the allowable load amongst the various pollutant sources. In accordance with federal regulations [40 CFR 130.7 (c) (ii)], calculations to establish TMDLs must be made available for public review. More general information regarding TMDLs is available at <http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/wmb/tmdl/index.htm>.

Comments will be accepted until 4 pm on February 28, 2013. Only written comments will be accepted. All comments must include the name of the TMDL, the date and contact information (your name, address, phone, e-mail, and organization). If you require additional time, information about the project or background data/materials to facilitate your review and prepare and submit your comments please contact Margaret Foss, NHDES TMDL Coordinator at (603) 271-5448 or via email at margaret.foss@des.nh.gov.

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For convenience, a public comment cover sheet for submitting comments is available at <http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/wmb/tmdl/documents/commentform.pdf>. Use of the cover sheet is optional.